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In re Application of:

Noriyoshi Hiraoka et al.
Serial No. 09/735,186
Filed: December 15, 2000
For: AGRICULTURAL METHODS
WITH SUPERHEATED STEAM

: DECISION ON REQUEST
: FOR RETURN OF
: SURRENDERED ORIGINAL
: PATENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.178
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Applicant's request filed December 29, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.178 for the return of the original Patent No. 5,867,935, surrendered in the abandoned Reissue application no. 09/735,186 is hereby GRANTED.

There was an earlier decision on this request mailed September 24, 2004 in which it was indicated that the above original patent could not be located. Recently the patent turned up and since the patent that was surrendered was not the patent being reissued, but rather was submitted in error, it is hereby returned.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Steven Meyers at (703) 308-3868.

The original patent is attached to this decision.

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Attachment : Original Letters Patent Number 5,867,935